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LOSS OF PRODUCTION OF CROP DUE TO NIMETOD INFECTION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have conducted any study of loss of production of crops annually due to Nimetod infection;

(b) if so, the details thereof, crop-wise; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b): Sir, from time to time studies have been conducted to assess the loss of production of crops caused by Nematods. The details of crop-wise studies conducted are as under:

Crop	% loss
Cereals	8.0
Oilseeds	5.0
Pulses	8.0
Sugarcane	10.0
Vegetables	12.0
Fruits	10.0

(c): To reduce the crop losses, Integrated Nematode Management practices are advocated which comprise of growing of resistant varieties, use of organic amendments, biocontrol agents and botanical pesticides.